

3,500 Are Expected To Vote In Alleghany

GOP Advocates Return To Two Party System

Candidates Speak To Enthusiastic Crowd At Rally Here On Tuesday Night

Republican candidates spoke to an enthusiastic group of citizens here Tuesday night in a county-wide rally at the courthouse and asked for a return to the two-party form of government. J. T. Miles, leading Republican from this county, urged that the listeners support the party, and was the first speaker at the rally. Raymond Miles acted as master of ceremonies and introduced the candidates. Roy Brooks, candidate for sheriff, spoke briefly asking that the people study the history of this country and other countries in relation to the two-party form of government.

Walter Johnson, candidate for the state legislature, discussed the evils of communism and the threat to the American principles and ideals. He asked that America be kept for Americans.

Paul Swanson, candidate for the state senate, discussed his platform and promised to serve Alleghany to the best of his ability. Other speakers were George Cheek, former lawyer from Alleghany county, who is now living in Colorado and Mr. Vestal, prominent farmer of this county.

An enthusiastic crowd of approximately 350 people filled the courtroom to hear the candidates and music was furnished by Cliff Evans and his band.

P.T.A. Discusses New School Site

Committees Appointed To Discuss Matter; Increase Membership Of Group

Moving of the Sparta school site was the chief topic of discussion at the first full meeting of the Parent-Teachers association on Tuesday evening at the school library. The appointment of a committee, to join with committees from other civic organizations, to go before the county commissioners in an attempt to change the school site, was taken under advisement. The committee is to be announced later. The group went on record as wholeheartedly approving a new school site.

Announcement was made that the organization had presented to the school a new speed-o-scope duplicator and a committee was appointed to complete plans for a box supper to be held soon to raise funds for the payment of the duplicator. On the committee are Miss Minnie Lou Edwards, Albert Richardson, Mrs. C. A. Thompson, Joe Bill Reed.

The membership was divided into two groups and Albert Richardson and Muncie Crouse were named as group captains. A contest will be conducted for an increase in membership and the losers will entertain the winners with a supper.

A new membership committee was appointed by the president, Ralph Gentry, as follows: Miss Edna Edwards, Miss Mildred Taylor, Mrs. Roy Ellison, Mrs. Albert Richardson, Mrs. Muncie (Continued on Page 4)

Demonstrations Are Given Here

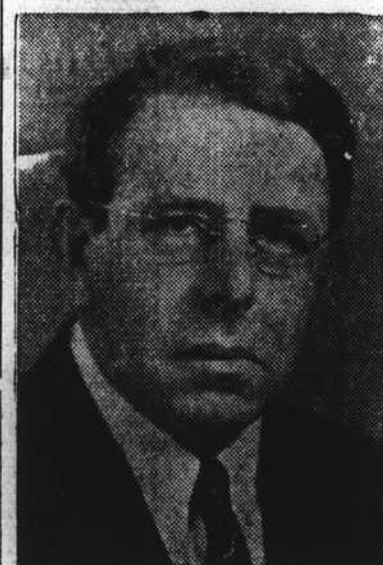
Roy Bennett, state tobacco specialist, and Mr. McDonald, government tobacco grader, were here on October 24 for two demonstrations of grading of burley tobacco. At the demonstration in the afternoon at the home of Mrs. Pearl Fields, forty-nine people were present, the best attendance in five counties, according to the demonstrators.

Mr. McDonald explained six different classifications and uniformity of grade with the objective of obtaining for the growers the best price for their tobacco.

Another record crowd gathered for the demonstration of fungicide treatments of fungus control in plant beds.

Former Governor Broughton To Speak At A County-Wide Democratic Rally Saturday

Rally Speaker



FORMER GOVERNOR J. MELVILLE BROUGHTON, who will be the speaker at the county-wide Democratic rally to be held here at the courthouse Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

County Farmers Vote Control Of Tobacco Crop

Nation Overwhelmingly Asks For Continued Control Of Three Years

Two hundred and eight Alleghany county farmers went to the polls last Friday and cast their vote for the tobacco referendum. Votes cast in favor of control totaled 203 against the five voters who did not agree. Of the total number who voted, 203 voted in favor of the three year control, four for one year control and one against any control. Some 275 farmers were eligible to vote in the referendum.

The vote throughout the nation was overwhelmingly in favor of the three year control. Since the marketing quotas have been approved, individual acreage allotments will continue next year. Allotments for individual farms for 1947 will not be less than 80 per cent of the 1946 allotment for any farm which has grown up to 75 per cent of its allotted acreage in any one of the past three years.

The law provides that the 1946 allotments of nine-tenths acre or less cannot be reduced for 1947. Loans are now available for the 1947 Burley crop.

SPARTA GIRL IS IN COLLEGE CHOIR

Emogene Choate, of Sparta, was one of the fifty-five students taken into membership of the Woman's College choir at Greensboro, N. C., according to announcement received from the college this week.

Scottville Wins Final Baseball Game; Sparta Makes Protest

The series of the Mountain Baseball League ended in a protested game between Sparta and Scottville on West Jefferson diamond Sunday afternoon with Scottville winning 8-7. However, the final decision as to whether or not Scottville was the winner will be decided at a meeting of the umpires and the managers of the two teams in question tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock at the Colvard Oil Company in West Jefferson. W. L. Hughes, president of the league, stated yesterday.

Managers of the two teams in question and Umpires S. W. Diggs and Guy Spencer are expected to attend the meeting as well as managers of the other teams in the league. President Hughes pointed out.

Another record crowd gathered on the diamond to see what proved to be the most thrilling game of the season. Cox, on the mound for the winners, gave up 14 hits and the combined pitching of Joines and Atwood gave up 6 hits. In the catcher's position for Scottville was Perkins and Holloway for Sparta.

Final Rally In Alleghany, Expect A Capacity Crowd, To Have Music

Plans have been completed for the Democratic rally Saturday at which former Governor J. Melville Broughton will speak, according to information received from R. F. Crouse, chairman of the Alleghany county Democratic committee. The rally will be held at the courthouse at 2 o'clock. Mr. Broughton made an excellent record as governor of North Carolina and is regarded as being one of the best public speakers in the state.

Hon. Robert L. Doughton, candidate for re-election to Congress from the ninth district, will introduce Mr. Broughton and all local candidates will be present.

Mr. Crouse said he expected the courtroom to be filled to capacity and if necessary to accommodate the crowd, the speaking would be held on the courthouse lawn.

A program of special string music will be given by Cliff Evans and his band.

Following the rally at Sparta Saturday, a county-wide Democratic rally will be held in West Jefferson at 7:30 with Mr. Broughton as the principal speaker.

The public is cordially invited to attend both rallies.

Teachers Attend District Meet On October 25

Alleghany Unit Gets Certificate For 100 Percent Membership In N. C. E. A.

Miss Clyde Fields, Miss Jean McMillan, Miss Eula Kennedy and Miss Minnie Lou Edwards attended the Northwestern Teachers' meeting at the R. J. Reynolds School in Winston-Salem last Friday. Alleghany county unit of the N. C. E. A., of the five in the district, was presented with a certificate for their 100 percent membership in the N. C. E. A.

At the afternoon general meeting, the Northwestern District teachers voted for the 20 percent raise in salary. This increase covers the bonuses. The question was hotly debated by opponents and those in favor of the plan as set up by N. C. E. A. legislative committee and the Board of Education. C. W. Phillips, president of N. C. E. A. expressed belief that the 20 percent increase would be voted.

Following this meeting, the superintendents, principals and classroom teachers met. This meeting was followed by departmental meetings and the session was climaxed by an evening meeting at 7:30. Dr. Kennan, of the University of Maine, and associate secretary of the N. C. E. A. (Continued on Page Five)

Supreme Court Visits The President



Members of the new U. S. supreme court as they called on President Truman, left to right: Associate justices, Wiley Rutledge, Frank Murphy, Felix Frankfurter, Hugo L. Black, President Truman, Chief Justice Vinson, and associate justices, Stanley F. Reed, William O. Douglas, Robert J. Jackson and Harold H. Burton.

Yellow Jackets To Meet Rural Retreat There Friday, Licked Cove Creek Last Week 14 To 6

Turkish Tobacco Crop Good This Year In County

Quality And Yield Are Much Better This Season Than Last Year

The experimental production of Turkish tobacco in Alleghany and Ashe counties is proving to be a big success, according to John S. Wilkins, agronomist supervisor of the State Extension Service, who is in charge of the project. The second year's experiments are now being harvested and Mr. Wilkins states that the quality is extremely good and that the yield is better than anticipated.

He estimates that the experimental work will be expanded next year and that if it continues to be successful the raising of Turkish tobacco will provide another cash crop for this section and nation.

A total of 24 experiments of one-fourth of an acre each were conducted in the two counties this year and a few in Caldwell county.

After curing and grading, the tobacco is baled into 20 to 24-pound bales and shipped to the Oxford Experiment station for rebaling and grading.

This year's crop is said to be much better than last year's due largely to increased knowledge and more favorable weather conditions.

School Absences Are Explained

Swanson Edwards, Alleghany attendance officer, this week listed definite instructions for reporting school absences. Mr. Edwards said there had been some confusion as to how the absences should be reported and that interested individuals were reporting directly to the attendance officer.

All school absences should be reported to the principal of the school in the district where the absence occurs. The principal, in turn, after completing his investigation, will report to the attendance officer. He asked that individuals not report the cases to the attendance officer as the first investigation would still have to be made by the principal of the school involved.

AMERICAN LEGION TO SPONSOR JAMBOREE

Dean Parish Post No. 98 of the American Legion will sponsor the "Big Victory Jamboree" at the courthouse next Saturday night, November 9. The Jamboree will feature "Uncle Mack Crow," banjo king of the Carolinas.

High class banjo playing, guitar and violin playing and your favorite songs will be heard.

Sparta High Has Won Four Out Of Five. Expect Close Battle

Rural Retreat is the next opponent on the schedule for the Sparta Yellow Jackets who have met five opponents already and defeated four of them. The game will be played at Rural Retreat at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon and a strong contest is anticipated.

The probable line-up for the game, according to Coach Jo Bill Reed will be as follows: Caudill, right tackle; Joines, left guard; Moxley, left tackle; Atwood, left end; Osborne, right half; Reeves, left half; Rizoti, fullback; and Jimmy Davis, quarterback.

An over-confident Sparta eleven met a much improved Cove Creek team Friday on a field that was nothing but a mass of mud and were almost upset in a game that was scheduled to be a breather. Early in the first quarter Cove Creek carried the ball deep into Sparta territory, and the interception of a pass on the one yard line by Carl Gentry was the only thing that saved a score at that point.

In the second period Osborne ran the ball down to the three yard line and Reeves took it over for the first six points of the game. Gentry made the extra point making the score 7-0. Cove Creek's touchdown came in the third quarter when Wilson scored for the visitors. The extra point was not good, making the score 7-6.

Gentry scored in the fourth quarter and Osborne made the extra point, clinching the game for the Yellow Jackets, 14-6.

Line-ups for the game was, for Sparta, the same as the one that will start against Rural Retreat, and for Cove Creek: Minton, right end; Cecil Ward, right tackle; Combs, right guard; Mast, center; C. Ward, left guard; Har-

Halloween Carnival At Sparta School Creates Much Interest

Betty Lou Hines, Carol Richardson, Howard Carpenter, Edd Pugh, Mrs. Champ Duncan, Cornelia Richardson and Alta Richardson walked away with the prizes at the Sparta school carnival which was held at the school gymnasium on Wednesday evening.

In a contest to surpass all contest, Betty Lou Hines amassed a total of 6,452 points to win the baby contest. Her nearest rival was Jerry Waddell with 3,524 votes. Others in the contest were Katherine Randolph, Bobbie Reynolds, Ramona Jones, Wayne Sparks and Joyce Lee Poole.

Carol Richardson was named queen and Howard Carpenter, King in a hotly contested race. One of the outstanding features of the evening's entertainment was the contest to select the ugliest man. Jo Bill Reid, Emerson

5,000 Voters Registered For Election, Much Interest In Races, Little In Amendments

Seven Democrats, Four Republicans Seeking Offices In Alleghany County

On the eve of the election, with a heavy vote predicted, candidates for seven county offices are making their final pleas for election. Seven Democrats and four Republicans are seeking those offices.

Walter E. Johnston, Jr., is in the race for solicitor, unopposed. He is a Democrat. Wade Brown, Democrat, and Paul Swanson, Republican, are opposing each other in the race for state senate. In the race for state representative, C. W. Erwin, whose name is not on the official ballot but who is the Democratic candidate, is opposed by Walter Johnson, Republican.

Gene R. Irwin, Democrat, is unopposed for clerk of the Superior court and Lee M. Woodruff, Democrat, has no opposition for the office of coroner. In the sheriff's race, Glenn D. Richardson, Democrat, is opposed by Roy L. Brooks, Republican. Dillon M. Edwards, Democrat, and Robert Hoppers, Republican, are in the race for county commissioner.

In the other race which always creates much interest in Alleghany, Hon. Robert L. Doughton is seeking re-election to congress from the ninth district and is opposed by Clyde R. Greene, Republican, from Boone.

Little interest is being shown in the amendments which are to be voted on in Tuesday's election. The first amendment is designed to make the Constitution equally applicable to men and women, as to jury service, suffrage and in other respects. It is commonly called the "Women jury amendment" although it goes far beyond simply permitting women to serve as jurors. Its principal advocates insist that its purpose is to fully equalize right and opportunity between the sexes.

The other amendment provides for payment of \$10.00 per day expenses for not exceeding sixty days of any legislative session.

Riders Refused On School Buses

The public is reminded this week that according to state school laws, school bus drivers are not permitted to accept passengers other than school bus driver, Miss Clyde Fields, county superintendent of schools, stated this week.

Section 136 of the school law which states that "no school bus driver may permit anyone to ride on the school bus except those so designated by the school authorities" and is referred to the public by Miss Fields. The cooperation of those who have been requesting rides is asked by the superintendent.

Voting Places For Seven Precincts Listed; Polls Open From 6:30 To 6:30

Approximately 5,000 voters are registered in Alleghany county and are eligible to cast their ballot in the general election on Tuesday, November 5, according to G. Glenn Nichols, chairman of the county board of elections. Mr. Nichols predicted that 75 per cent of that number would go to the polls, if the weather holds good.

In 1944, a presidential year, the total vote was 3,168 and in 1936, 3,843 Alleghany citizens voted. Some 500 absentee ballots were received in the 1944 election, but that large number was attributed to the fact that so many voters were still in service. This year 242 absentee ballots were sent out and only about 70 have been returned.

The Gap Civil precinct, which includes Sparta, has approximately 1,450 voters registered. Other precincts have registered approximately this number; Cranberry, 300; Cherry Lane, 650; Glade Creek, 800; Prather's Creek, 600; Piney Creek, 650; and Whitehead, 450.

The polls will be open from 6:30 a. m. until 6:30 p. m. Four schools, New Hope, Little Pine, Whitehead and Cranberry, will be closed as elections are to be held in those buildings. Other polling places are the Alleghany courthouse, the agricultural building at Piney Creek, and Cherry Lane.

Both parties are making special appeals. (Continued on Page 4)

School Announces New Honor Roll

107 Students Listed By The Principal For Month Of October

One hundred and seven students of the Sparta public school have been listed as honor students for the month of October by officials of the school this week. Students must have an average of 90 and above to be placed on the honor roll.

The list, according to grades is as follows: First grade: Charles Hoppers, Lorraine Roberts, Rose Marie Andrews, Georgia Billings, Herbert Singletary, Dale Poole, Rose Crouse, James Edwards, Don Wooten.

Second grade: David Duncan, Robert Fox, Joe Thomas Irwin, David Truitt, Page Truitt, Dorman Wooten, Marion Cheek, Edna Jones, Alice Crouse, Vivian Anderson, Edward Crouse, Lewis Porter.

Third grade: Bobby Dean Caudill, Walter Lee Hampton, Mary Frances Crouse, Patsy Ruth Dolinger, Alma Jo Dutton, Stella Flo Dutton, Patsy Roy Hill, Bobbie Johnson, Betty Ann Presnell, Cornelia Richardson, Sandra Shockley, Maxine Sprinkle, Bobby Busic, Bill Phillips, John Wayne Edwards.

Fourth grade: Marjorie Miller, Ann Thompson, Jane Duncan, Marion Allison, Harold Hoppers, Eleanor Ward, Hoyt Sparks, Susie Sturdivant, Sally Quinn, Doris (Continued on Page 4)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1 The Boy Scout Court of Honor will be held at the First Baptist Church on Friday evening at 8 o'clock. SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2 The Democratic Rally will be held at the courthouse Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock with Former Governor J. Melville Broughton as the speaker. THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7 The Woman's Club will meet at the community building on Thursday afternoon at 2:30. Swanson Edwards will speak on some phase of welfare work.